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THE REDEEMER

SERMONETTE

"GO THEREFORE NOW, AND WORK; FOR THERE SHALL NO STRAW BE GIVEN YOU, YET SHALL YE DELIVER THE TALE OF BRICKS." Exodus 5:18

From this portion of the Bible, a very challenging lesson can be brought to our minds. "Go---and work." The Israelites heard this command before, but this time they were told to make bricks without being provided with straw. The work had been hard enough when the straw had been provided; but when they were deprived of one of the necessary materials, their task became hardly possible. Yet in the Bible, it shows that they found their own straw and made bricks.

Often we are called upon to work without being provided with the necessary tools or materials, and we naturally feel that it is a hardship. Yet, some of our most valued articles of commerce were produced under the most difficult circumstances. The discovery of porcelain by Palissy, the vulcanizing of rubber by Goodyear, and the early discoveries of Edison and Bell are real examples of persons who made "bricks without straw."

Lack of some essentials to perform our work should not cause us to become discouraged and to give up the task, but should urge us on to discover our own tools. We should then put into the work greater devotion and deeper interest in its outcome, and then command ourselves and our time to work toward it.

What we lack in materials and tools can be supplied by the spirit that we bring to our tasks and by the basic belief of the men and women who have mattered much in the history of the world--"It does not matter so much what life does to you; it matters more what you do with what life does to you." Difficulties and disappointments will become stepping-stones to final victory in proportion to our possession of this same spirit.

Dear Friends, even though our needs are great, may we in our humble way go to serve Him the best way we can.

-- Hisaye Watari --

The Best That I Can

"I cannot do much," said a little star,
"To make the dark world bright;
My silver beams cannot struggle far
Through the folding gloom of night;
But I am a part of God's great plan,
And I'll cheerfully do the best
that I can.

"What is the use," said a fleecy cloud,
"Of these dew-drops that I hold?
They will hardly bend the lily proud,
Tho caught in her cup of gold;
Yet I am a part of God's great plan,
My treasures I'll give as well as
I can.

A child went merrily forth to play,
But a thought, like a silver thread,
Kept winding in and out all day
Through the happy, busy head,
'Mother said, 'Darling, do all you can,
For you are a part of God's great plan.' "

So she helped a younger child along,
When the road was rough to the feet;
And she sang from her heart a little song,
A song that was passing sweet;
And her father, a weary, toil-worn man,
Said, "I too will do the best
that I can."

-- Sel.

GREETINGS from ROHWER

Out here in Rohwer, we deeply appreciate reading about our friends of Santa Anita and elsewhere in THE REDEEMER. Your fine Christian testimonies are encouraging.

Rev. Harper Sakaue

Each individual Christian is Christ's missionary, and is commissioned and equipped by regeneration to practice and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. -- Sel.

TESTIMONY

No joy was ever given from above
That shall from memory wholly fade away,
For while He reigns,
Whose changeless name is Love,
The darkest night shall but precede the day!

--Trethewey--

It's a wonderful joy to live for Jesus, who came to me, assuring me of life eternal and everlasting. In joy, He rejoices with me. In sorrow and tribulations He comforts and visits me with sustaining power and holds me secure in His love, casting out all fears.

I am leaning on the spiritual manna and praising God for the joys of salvation. May the riches of God abide in each of your hearts is my prayer.

Yours in the Lord,
Mary Takasaki

C. E. MEETING

Tonight, Mr. George S. Takaoka will speak to the combined C. E. Societies on his trip to the conference at Wooster, University, Ohio.

All C.E. members are urged to attend this especially interesting program. Those who have not as yet joined up are invited to come for an evening of devotion and fellowship.

SOCIAL for SOPHIE

A large crowd of young people gathered in the Church Library last Sunday night to honor Miss Sophie Shizume, who will be leaving on January 18 for Cleveland.

Mr. Tom Mukai was chairman of the devotional program which was preceded by the singing of favorite choruses led by Betty Wake.

A rousing time of fellowship in which exciting and merry games were performed by the enthusiastic and cooperative group was followed by delicious food for everyone.

The evening was brought to a close with the group united in a ring singing, "Blest be the tie that Binds."

welcome!

Back for a short visit are Mr. Jutaro Shiota from Cleveland, Ohio; Tom, Fusaa, and Hesaa Kida from Salt Lake City, Utah.

We are glad to see Frank Takahashi who was out on a short-term leave, back with us again.

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Perfect Attendance

A total of 33 pupils received gifts for perfect attendance at Sunday School. They are as follows:

Beginners: Michiko Nishimoto
Primary 1st: Makoto Nishimoto
Primary 2nd: Taro Ishimoto
Shigeo Tsuchiyama
Hiroshi Yoshida
Junior 1st: Makoto Uragami, May Osato, Shizu Konatsu, Keiko Shiba, Etsuko Nishimoto, Marion Hanada, and Miyeko Wumino.
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Junior Boys: Elmer Takahashi
Int. 1st: Grace Hiratsuka, Amy Nagata, Mary Osato, Mariko Kawaguchi, Ruby Shiba.
Int. 2nd: Mitsuye Kiritani, Kikuno Tajiri, Margaret Takahashi.
Int. Boys: Peter Shizume
Masahiko Konatsu.
Seniors: Sumiko Imamura, Ritsuko Konatsu, Ruby Shkamoto, Jane Yamaguchi, Dorothy Takahashi, Michiko Mori
Y.P.: Nobu Akahoshi, Harry Shizume